DNREC's Low-Digit Surf Fishing Tag Auction Starts Nov. 22

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The <u>Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control</u> will auction low-digit surf fishing plates starting Monday, Nov. 22, at 9 a.m., at <u>www.usgovbid.com</u>.

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The minimum bid for a low-digit surf fishing plate is \$250. By state law, surf-fishing tags numbered 1 through 200 are limited to vehicles registered in Delaware.

The auction of low-numbered plates was authorized by the Delaware General Assembly in 2015 and allows the DNREC Division of Parks and Recreation to auction low-digit tags to the highest bidder. This one-of-a-kind program has raised more than \$500,000 to date and all proceeds directly benefit Delaware State Parks, which is 65% self-funded.

A low-digit surf fishing plate is not required to drive-on surf fish in Delaware State Parks. Annual surf fishing permits are anticipated to go on sale this winter.

For more information, visit www.destateparks.com/LowDigitTags

or www.usgovbid.com.

About DNREC

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control protects and manages the state's natural resources, protects public health, provides outdoor recreational opportunities, and educates Delawareans about the environment. The <u>Division of Parks and Recreation</u> oversees more than 26,000 acres in 17 state parks and the Brandywine Zoo. For more information, visit the <u>website</u> and connect with DNREC on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> or <u>LinkedIn</u>.

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